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Dear Dr. Candau,

Thank you for your letter of January 7th inviting me to serve on the WHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research. I am honored by your invitation and I am happy to accept. I am sure you are aware of my deep appreciation for the importance of the work of the WHO and of the need to encourage the most incisive research for the benefit of world health.

I am happy also to be named to the Expert Advisory Panel on human genetics.

As I had mentioned previously to Dr. Kaplan, it is somewhat doubtful that I will be able to attend the meeting this June, but I will make every effort to be available for the subsequent meetings of the committee. I will, of course, let you know promptly if it is also possible for me to rectify my schedule for this June also. Heedless to say, if I can contribute in any other way please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg Professor of Genetics

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